

# Mechanism Feasibility Design Task

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# Teaching Aims

1. Provide awareness of mechanisms and their applications
2. Further practice design thinking, rationale capture and build on the feedback from the previous coursework
3. Apply system modelling tools to preliminary design scenarios
4. To generate a feasible mechanism design for the design task
5. Practice your theoretical engineering knowledge in an unconstrained and unfamiliar environment

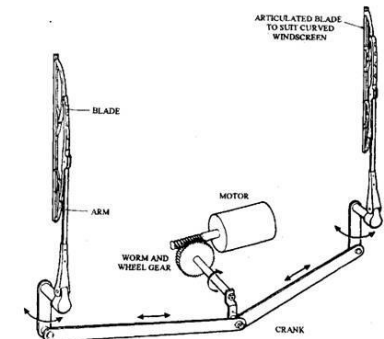
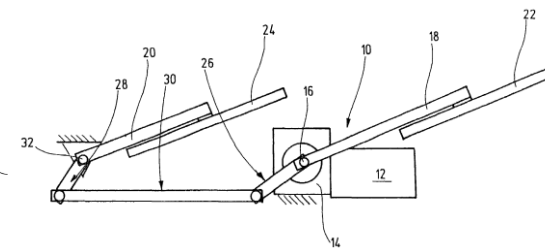
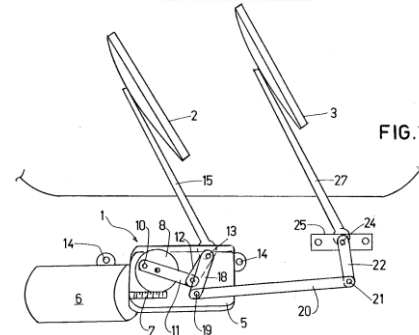
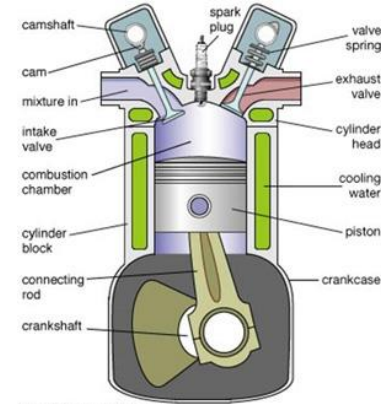
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## Multi-Bar Mechanisms are often used to:

- Translate motions & forces
- Improve the performance of a product
- Simplify the control system of a product
- Increase the efficiency of a product
- Deploy a product

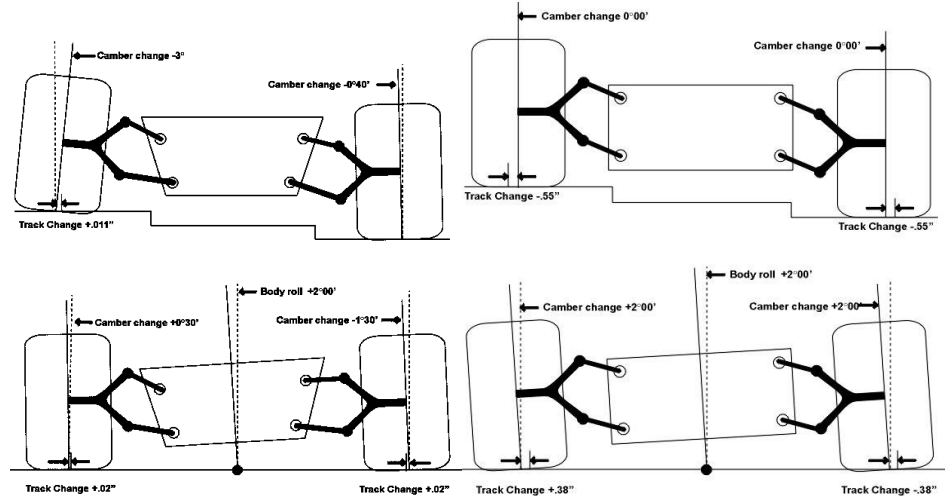
# Translation of Motion & Force

- Piston
- Window Hinge
- Windscreen Wipers
- Locking Pliers/Vice Grips
- Provide a Mechanical Advantage



# Improving the Performance of a Product

- Widely used in suspension design
- Double wishbone
- Enables camber control as a car rolls (positive camber gain)



Unequal length, non-parallel link double wishbones

Equal length, parallel link double wishbones

# Simplify the Control System of a Product

- Level-luffing cranes
- Maintain a steady platform

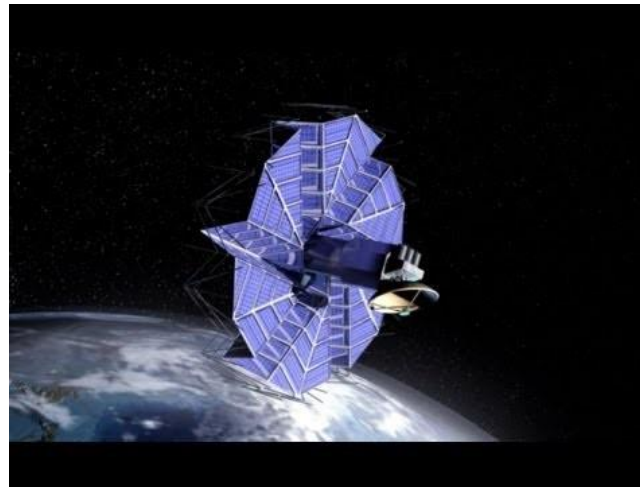


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhis3\\_I2\\_-0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhis3_I2_-0)



# Deploying a Product

- Scissor Jacks
- Convertible Roofs
- Satellite Solar Panels





## And Art!



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# Research at Bristol

- Modelling chewing
- Develop Capsules for Drug Delivery
- Spherical mechanisms

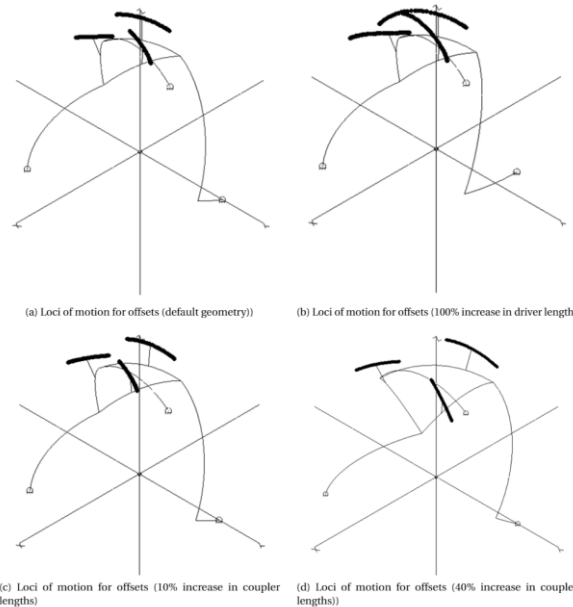
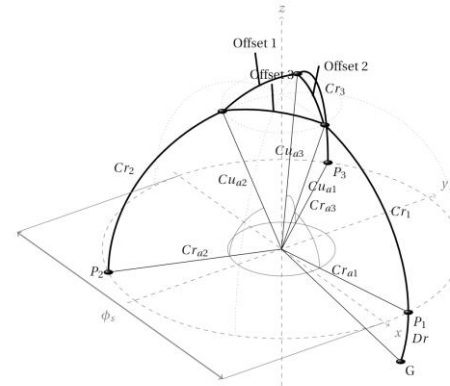


Figure 5: Loci of motion with varying offsets

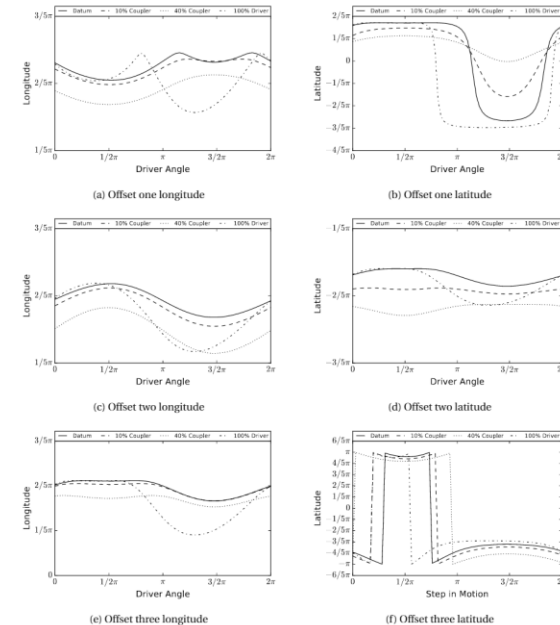
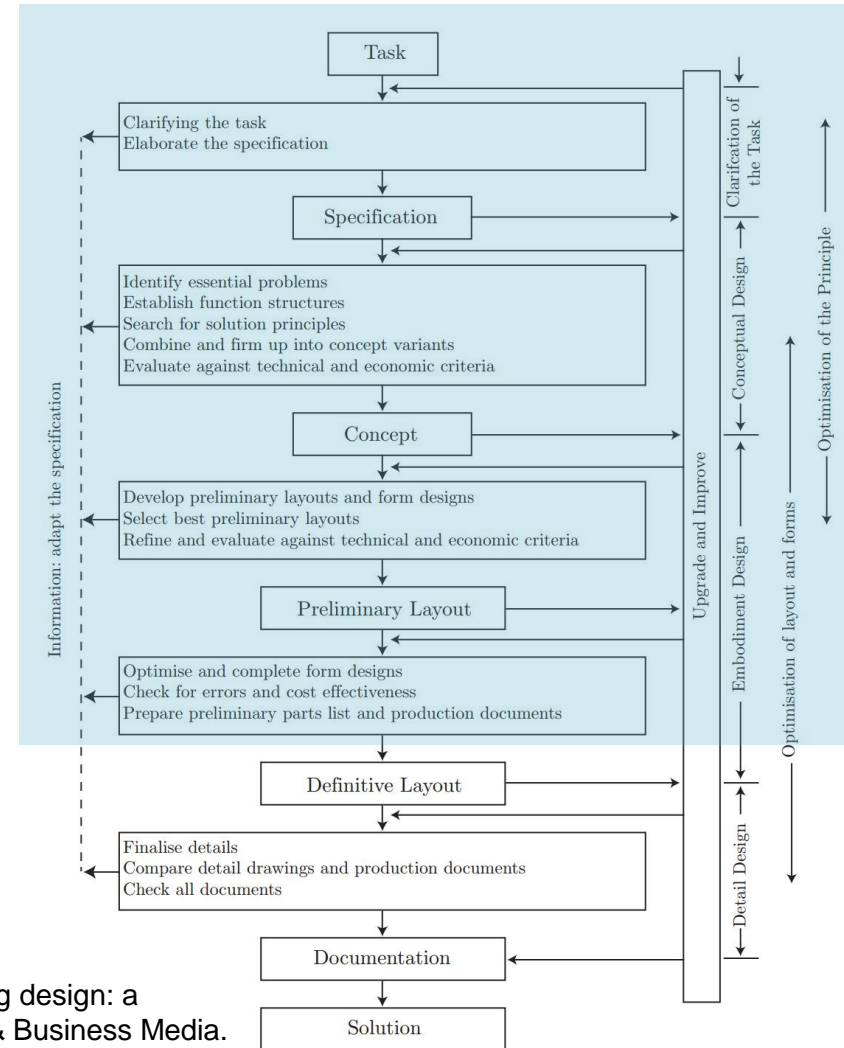


Figure 7: Longitude and latitude offset path comparison

# Feasibility Design

1. Develop your specification
2. Generate concepts
3. Concept selection
4. Preliminary layout & design



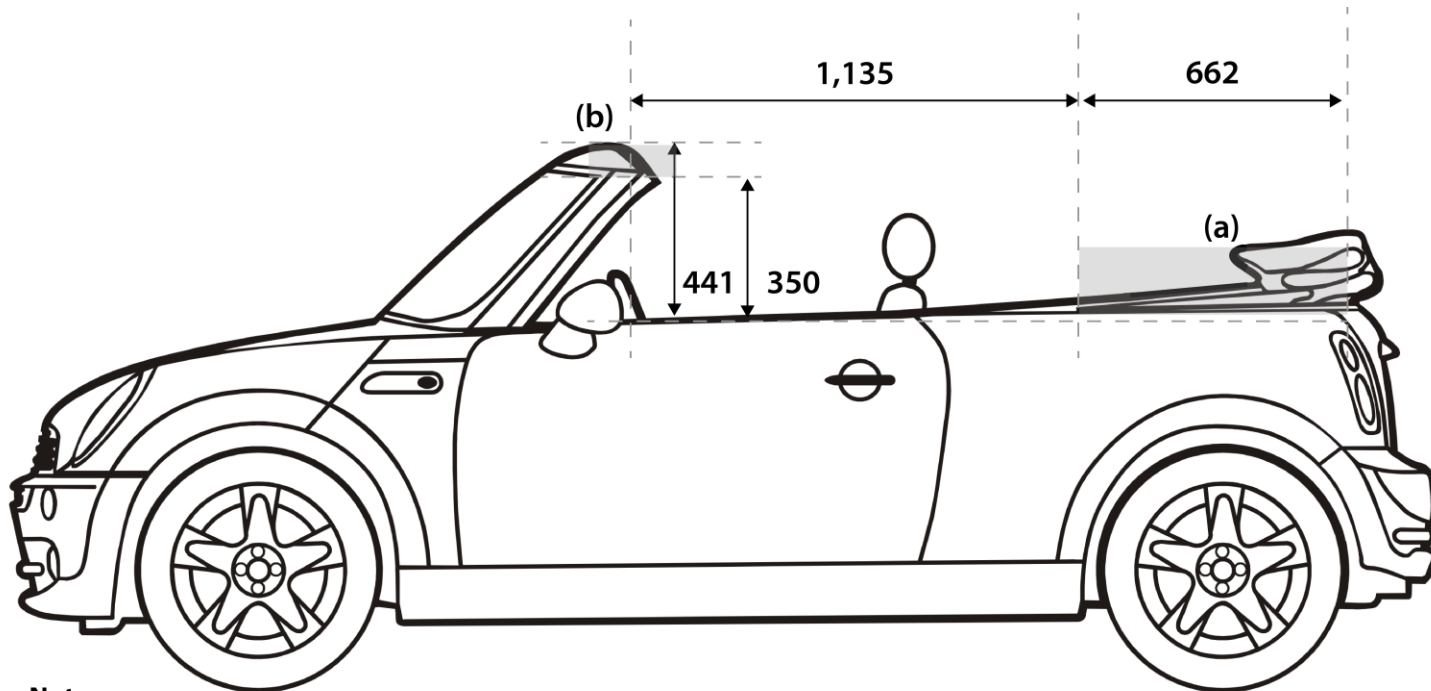
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## Exercise

To design a  
mechanism to  
deploy and retract a  
car convertible roof



# Exercise



**Notes**

All dimensions in mm

(a) - Ideal position where the deployment mechanism can be connected to the vehicle

(b) - Windscreen connection point

# Design Process

## Product Design Specification

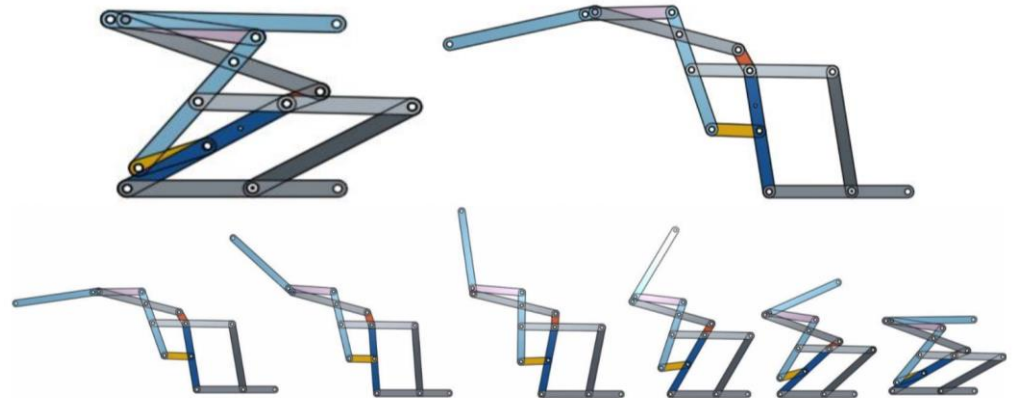
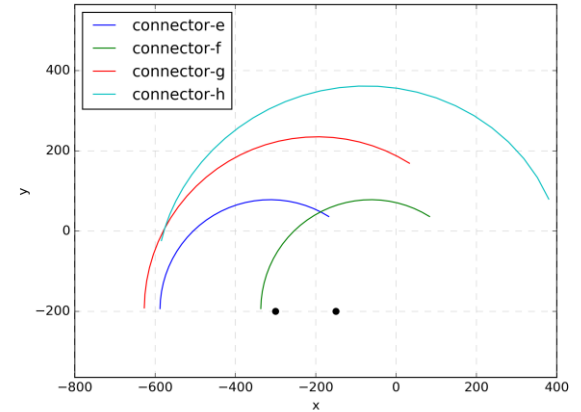
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2					
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# Design Process

Product Design Specification

Concept Design









# Design Process

Product Design Specification

Concept Design

Concept Selection

							
Criteria	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 4	Concept 5	Concept 6	
<i>Ease of use</i>	<b>DATUM</b>	+	+	-	-	S	
<i>Aesthetic appeal</i>		-	+	+	-	-	
<i>Manufacturability</i>		+	+	-	+	+	
<i>Low weight</i>		+	-	+	-	+	
<i>Energy efficiency</i>		S	+	-	+	+	
<i>Safety</i>		-	+	S	-	+	
$\Sigma+$			3	5	2	2	4
$\Sigma-$			2	1	3	4	1
$\Sigma S$			1	0	1	0	1
<i>Net Score</i>		0	1	4	-1	-2	3
<i>Rank</i>	4	3	1	5	6	2	
<i>Continue or combine?</i>	Combine	Combine	Yes	No	No	Yes	

Controlled Convergence  
Andy Greener 1<sup>st</sup> Year Notes

# Design Process

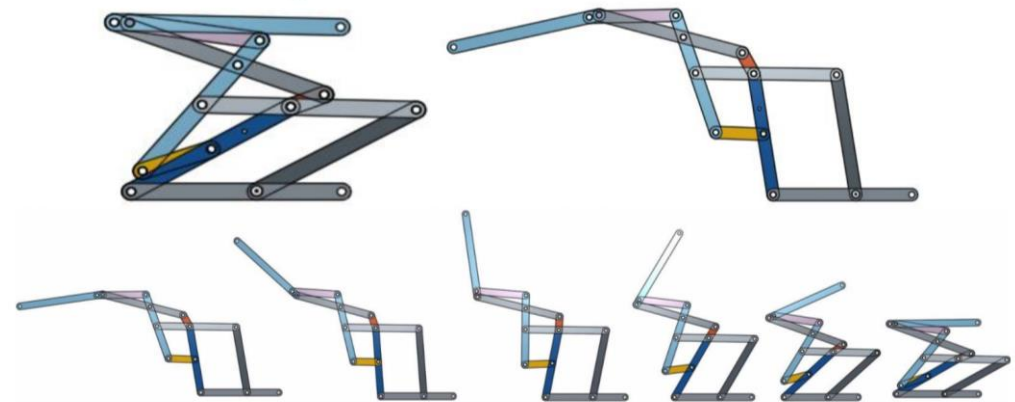
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Concept Design

Concept Selection

Stage-Gate

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Product Design Specification &  
Linkage Concept Design  
Submission (5%, pass/fail)

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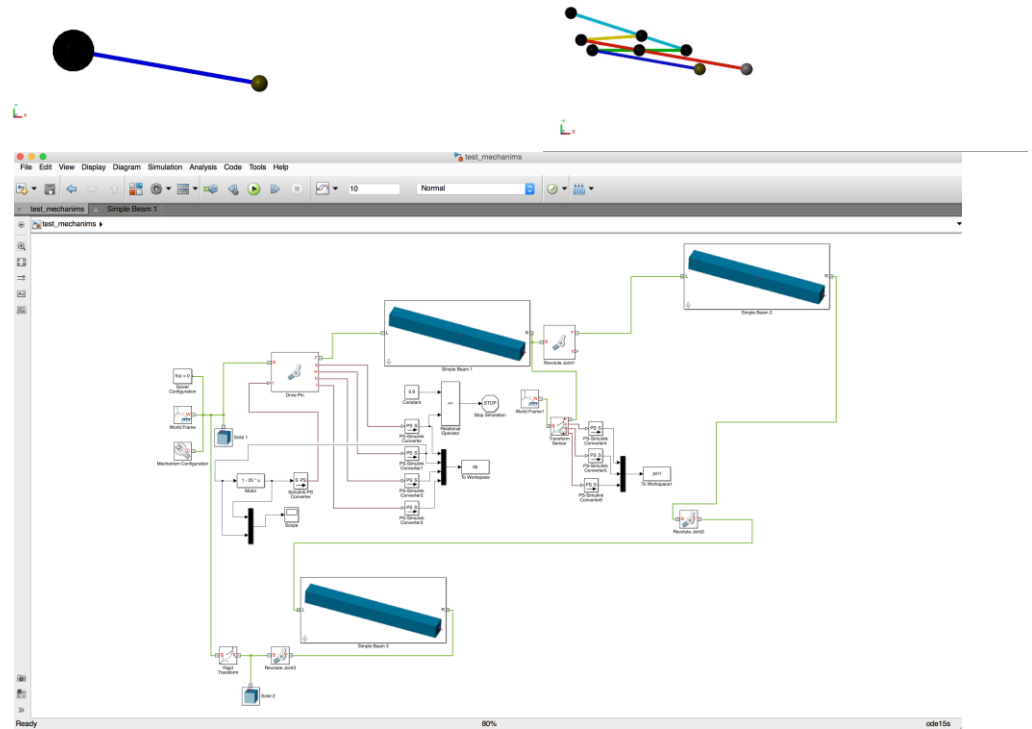
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Concept Selection

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Deployment Modelling



1<sup>st</sup> Year & A-Level Engineering Maths  
Equations of Motion, Torque, Gravity, Gear Ratios & Motor Power

# Design Process

Product Design Specification

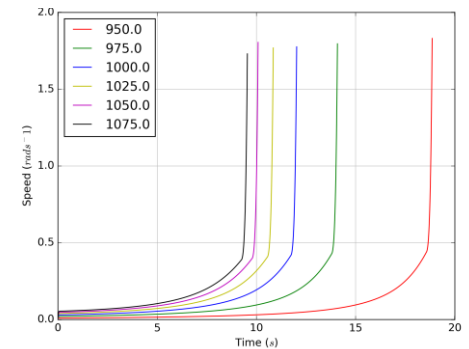
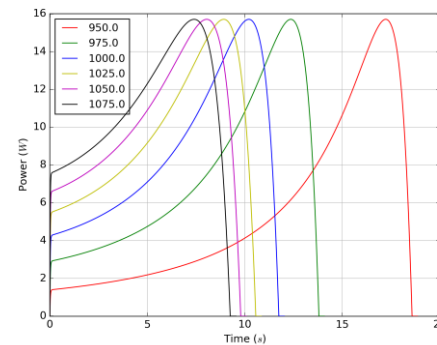
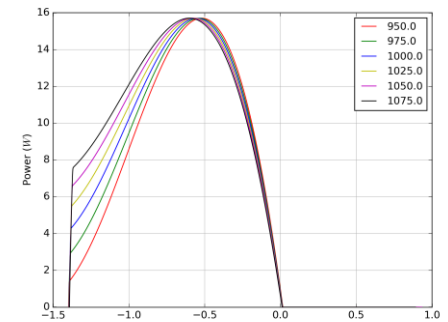
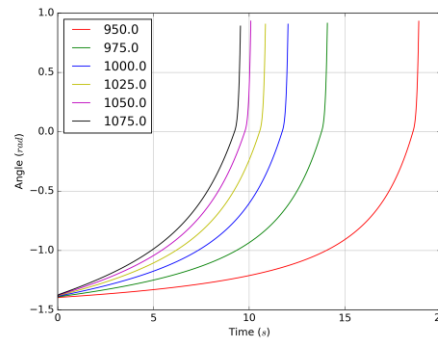
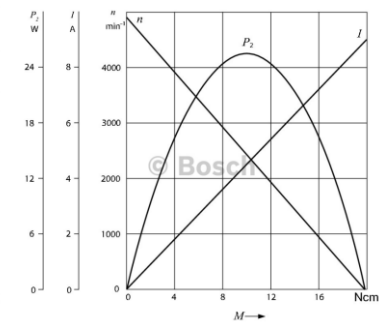
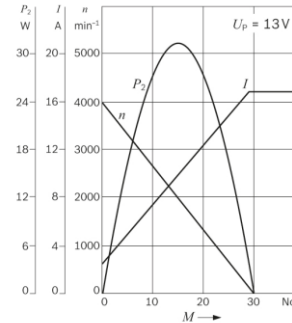
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Concept Selection

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Deployment Modelling

Motor, Gear Ratio & Damping Selection



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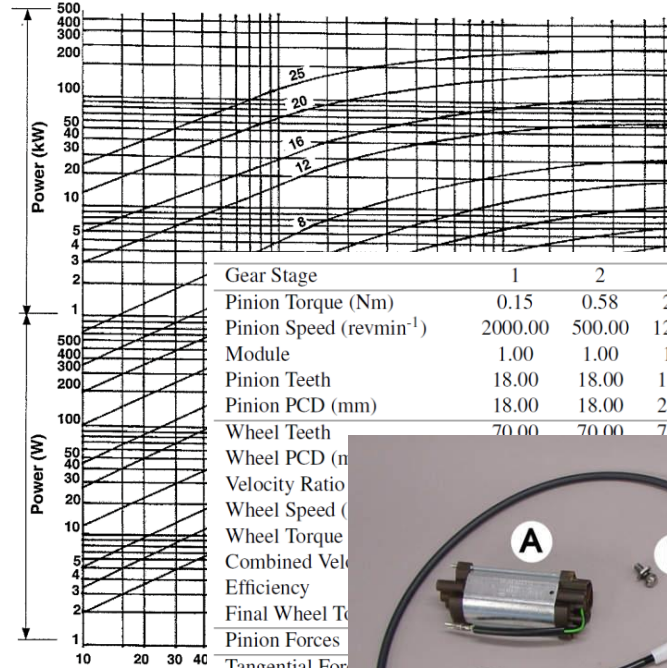
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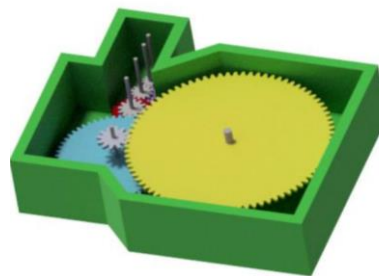
Motor, Gear Ratio & Damping Selection

Gearbox Design



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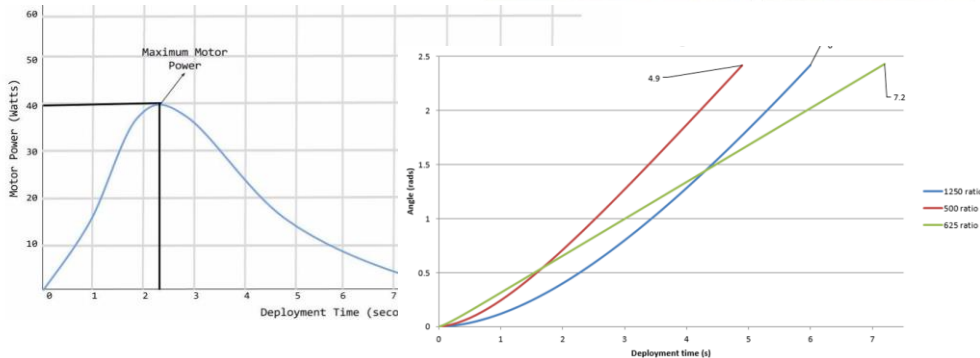
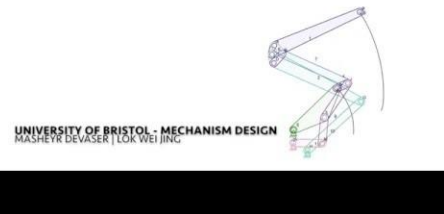
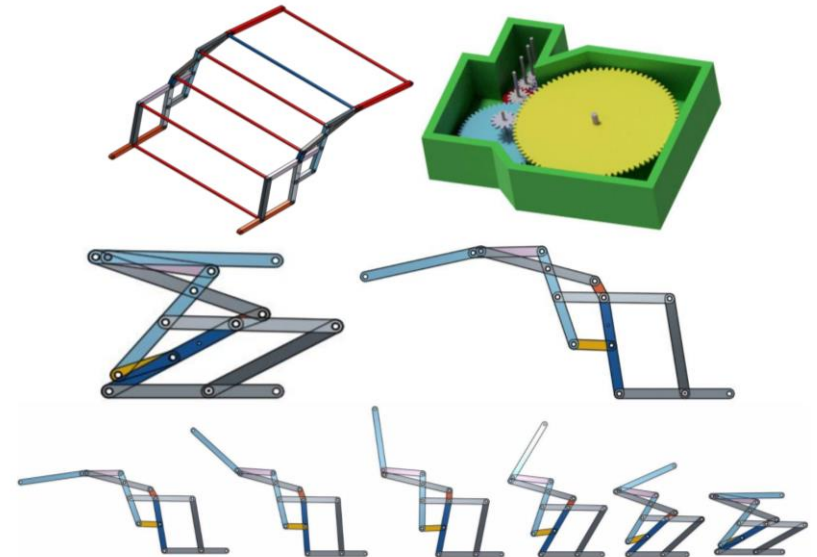
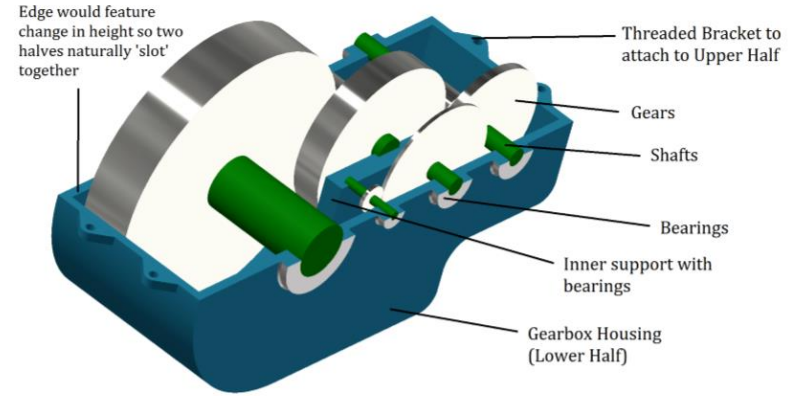
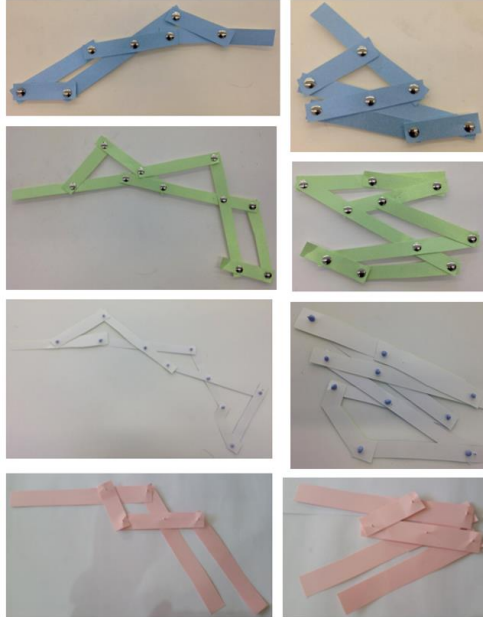
Submission

- Stage-gate submission (5%, pass/fail)
- Design Report (LaTeX Template provided)
  - Title page
  - Introduction (1 page)
  - Product Design Specification (1 page, 10%)
  - Concept Design & Selection (2 pages, 10%)
  - Deployment Modelling (3 pages, 15%)
  - Motor, Gear Ratio & Damping Selection (3 pages, 15%)
  - Gearbox Design (3 pages, 15%)
  - Solution Specification (1 page)
  - Conclusion & References (1 page)
- A3 Print Out of Simulink Model (10%)
- A3 Assembly Drawing of the Gearbox (10%)

Additional Notes:

- 10% of the mark is awarded to the quality of the report writing
- The reference list may go beyond the 15 page limit

# Previous Years



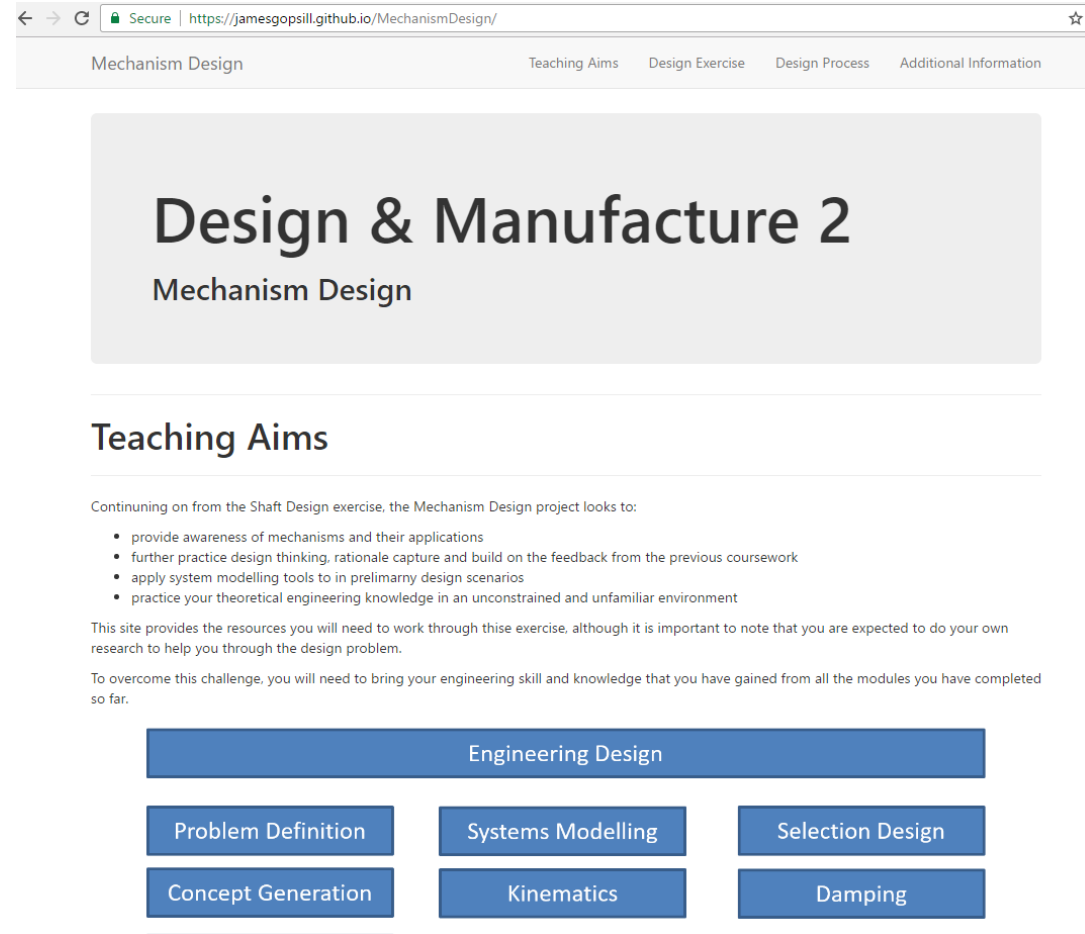
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# Timeline

Academic Week	Date	Time	Type	Content
13	Monday 23rd January 2017	15:00-16:00	Lecture	Introduction to the Overall Course & Constrained Design Task Introduction
13	Tuesday 24th January 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Form groups, Exercise Familiarisation & Product Design Requirements
13	Tuesday 24th January 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Reactions, Bending and Macaulay Notation
14	Tuesday 31st January 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Reactions and Bending Moments
14	Tuesday 31st January 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Bearing Selection
15	Tuesday 7th February 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Bearing Selection
15	Tuesday 7th February 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Sprocket and Safety Factors
15	<b>Friday 10th February 2017</b>		<b>Submission</b>	<b>Shear Force &amp; Bending Moment Diagrams (Blackboard)</b>
16	Tuesday 14th February 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Sprocket and Chain Selection
16	Tuesday 14th February 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Fixings and Submission Details
17	Tuesday 21st February 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Fixings
17	Tuesday 21st February 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Introduction to the Feasibility Design Task
18	<b>Reading Week</b>			
19	<b>Monday 6th March 2017</b>		<b>Submission</b>	<b>Constrained Design Report Submission (Office and Blackboard)</b>
19	Tuesday 7th March 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Form pairs, Exercise Familiarisation & Product Design Specification
19	Tuesday 7th March 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Product Design Specification, Concept Design & Selection
20	Tuesday 14th March 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Concept Design & Selection
20	Tuesday 14th March 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Modelling the Deployment of the Mechanism 1
20	<b>Friday 17th March 2017</b>		<b>Submission</b>	<b>PDS &amp; Linkage Model of Selected Concept (Blackboard)</b>
21	Tuesday 21st March 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Deployment Modelling
21	Tuesday 21st March 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Modelling the Deployment of the Mechanism 2
22	Tuesday 28th March 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Deployment Modelling and Motor & Gear Ratio Selection
22	Tuesday 28th March 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Gearbox Design
	<b>Easter</b>			
23	Tuesday 25th April 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Gearbox Design
23	Tuesday 25th April 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	General Assemblies & Submission Details
24	Tuesday 2nd May 2017	9:00-13:00	Tutorial	Report Writing and Submission
24	Tuesday 2nd May 2017	14:00-15:00	Lecture	Free
24	<b>Friday 5th May 2017</b>	14:00-15:00	<b>Submission</b>	<b>Feasibility Design Report Submission</b>

# Resources

- <https://jamesgopsill.github.io/MechanismDesign/>
- YouTube Demos for Simulink
- All New This Year!



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://jamesgopsill.github.io/MechanismDesign/>. The page title is "Mechanism Design" and it includes navigation links for "Teaching Aims", "Design Exercise", "Design Process", and "Additional Information". The main heading is "Design & Manufacture 2" with the subtitle "Mechanism Design". Under "Teaching Aims", it states: "Continuing on from the Shaft Design exercise, the Mechanism Design project looks to:" followed by a list of aims:
 

- provide awareness of mechanisms and their applications
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 It also notes that the site provides resources for working through the exercise, emphasizing the need for personal research and the application of skills from previous modules. At the bottom, a diagram shows the "Engineering Design" process broken down into:
 

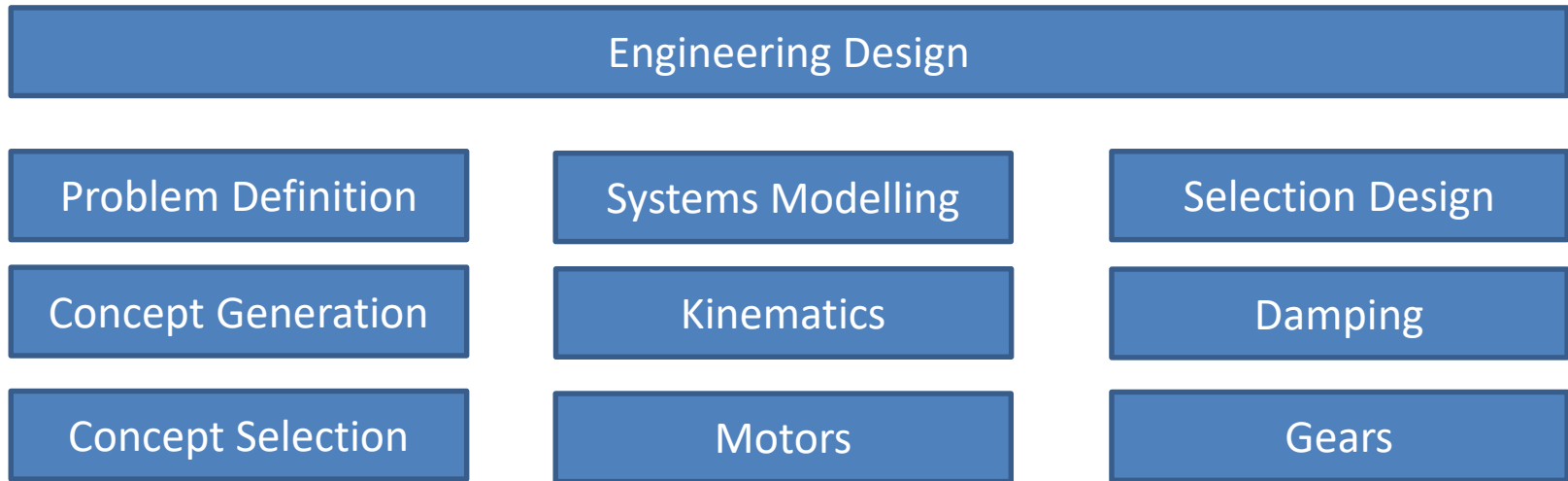
- Problem Definition
- Systems Modelling
- Selection Design
- Concept Generation
- Kinematics
- Damping

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# Feedback

- 6 x 4 Hour Tutorial Sessions
- 8 Academic Staff Available to Answer Questions
- Shaft Design Report
- Stage-Gate
- Mechanism Design Report

# Engineering Knowledge & Skills





## After Reading Week

- Pair Up!
- Familiarise yourself with the exercise
- Initial research to build your Product Design Specification



# Q & A